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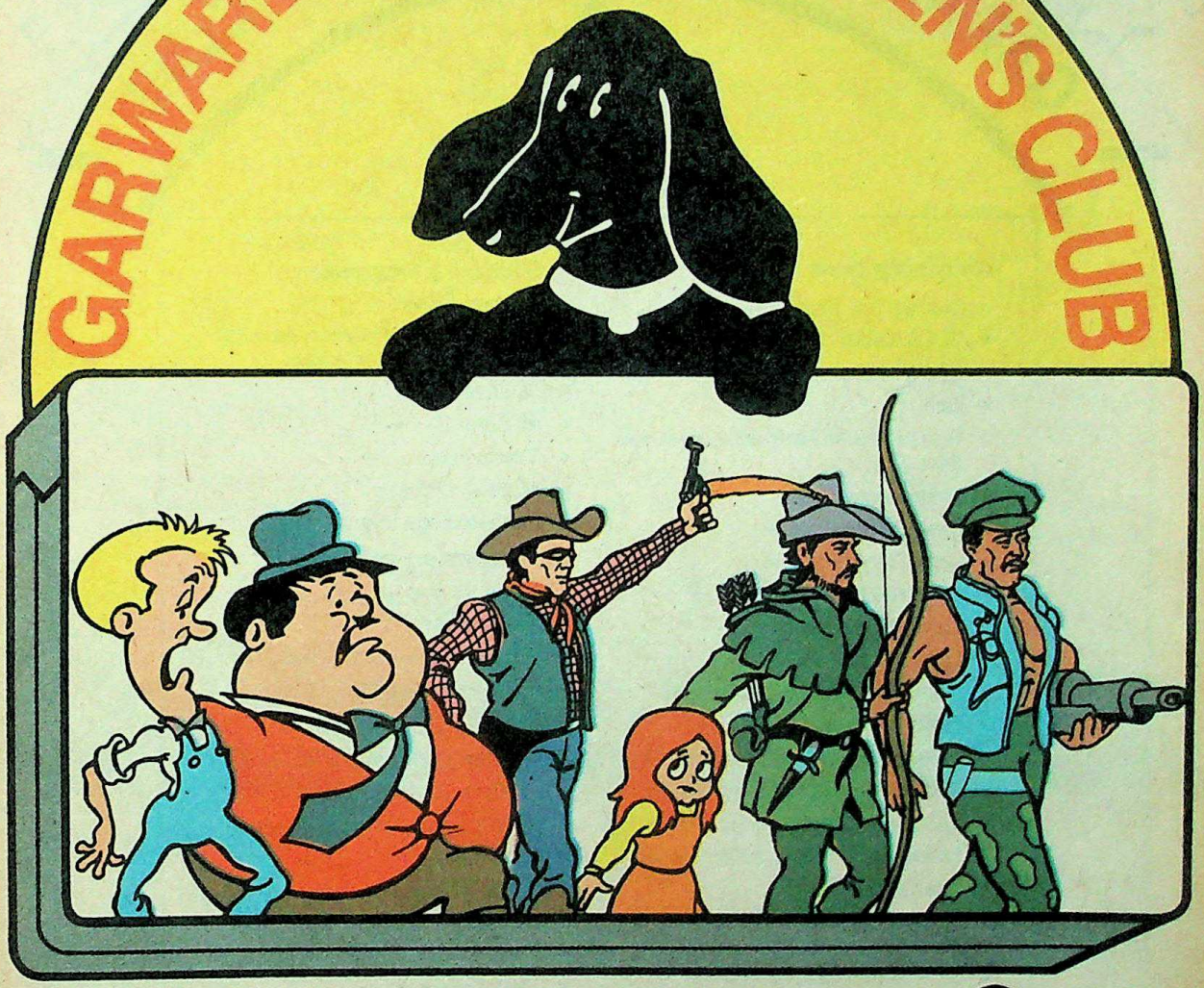

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SHUKADEVA, THE SON OF SAGE VYASA, WAS TELLING PAREEKSHIT, THE GRANDSON OF ARJUNA, THE STORY OF KRISHNA.

YOU MEAN ALL THE PEOPLE OF GOKUL LEFT THE PLACE TOGETHER?

YES, THE ELDERS OF THE CLAN THOUGHT IT WAS WISER TO LEAVE GOKUL. KRISHNA, THE BELOVED SON OF THEIR LEADER, HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN TOO MANY MISHAPS IN GOKUL. SO THEY ALL WENT TO VRINDAVAN TO SETTLE THERE.

"THEY FOUND VRINDAVAN TO BE A BEAUTEOUS SPOT IN LUSH SURROUNDINGS. MOUNT GOVARDHAN LOOMED AT A DISTANCE, AND THE RIVER YAMUNA, WITH ITS GRASSY BANKS, FLOWED GENTLY PAST.

"THE NEW SETTLERS FIRST BUILT SHEDS FOR THE CATTLE...

"...AND SOON SETTLED DOWN AFTER BUILDING THEIR OWN HOMES.



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"BALARAMA AND KRISHNA WERE DELIGHTED TO BE IN VRINDAVAN. IN THEIR SWEET VOICES THEY WOULD OFTEN PRAISE THEIR NEW PLACE.

"THEY WISHED TO EXPLORE THE FOREST AROUND.

MAY I ALSO GO TO GRAZE THE COWS?

NO! YOU ARE TOO SMALL TO GO TO THE FOREST.

BUT I SO MUCH WISH TO GO, MA!

ALL RIGHT. YOU AND BALARAMA MAY TAKE THE CALVES TO GRAZE. BUT DON'T GO TOO FAR!

"WHILE THE CALVES GRAZED THE TENDER GRASS CONTENTEDLY, THE BOYS WOULD BE ENGROSSED IN GAMES.


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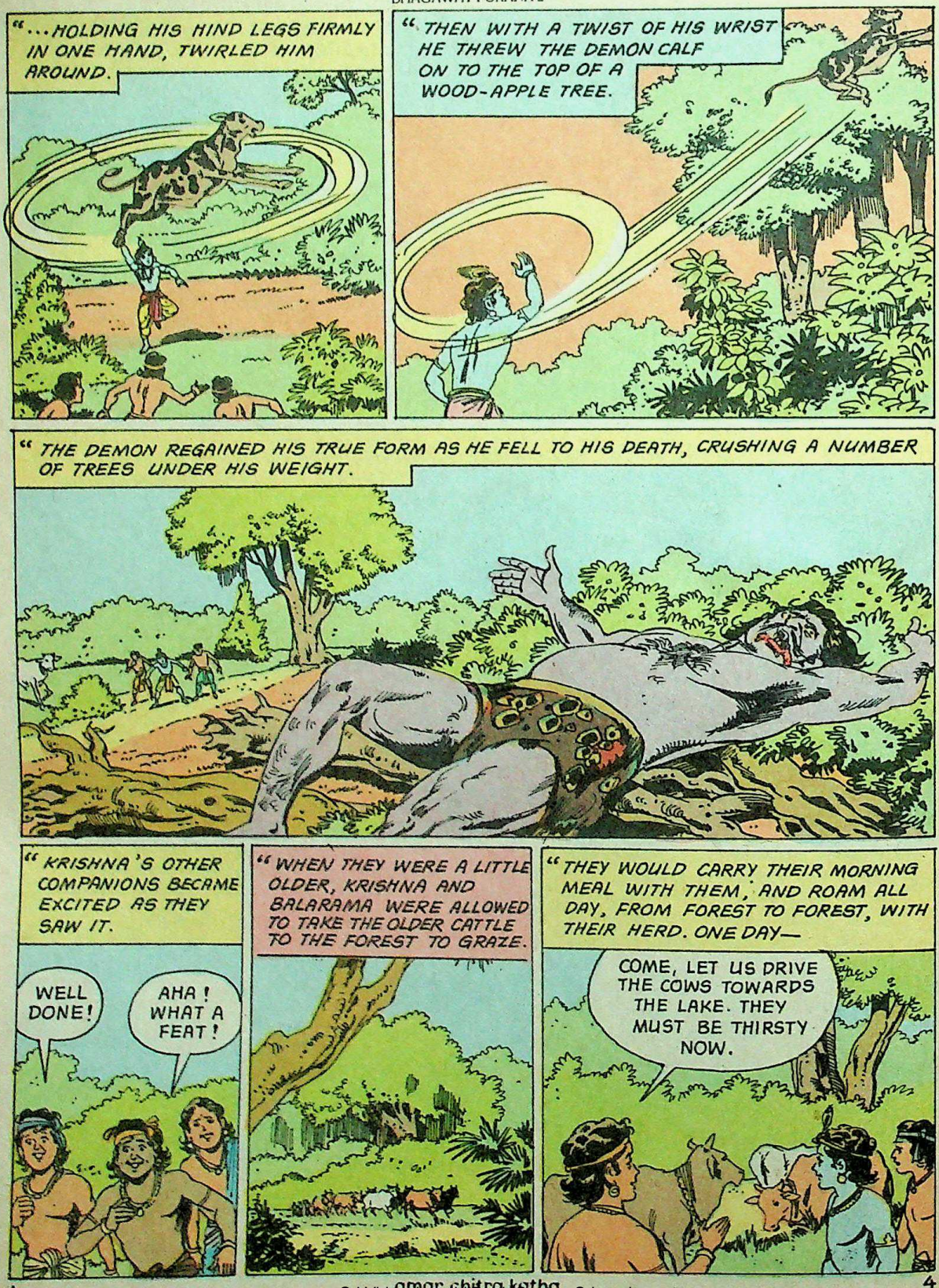



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"WHEN THE COWS HAD QUENCHED THEIR THIRST, SUDDENLY—

LOOK THERE!

WHAT A HUGE CRANE!

"PERCHED BESIDE THE WATER WAS A CRANE. STRONG AND HUGE, IT POUNCED ON KRISHNA AND PICKED HIM UP IN ITS SHARP BEAK.

"EVEN AS KRISHNA'S COMPANIONS STARED OPEN-MOUTHED WITH SHOCK, THE CREATURE SWALLOWED KRISHNA AT ONE GULP.

"SO TERRIFIED WERE THE COWHERDS THAT THEY FAINTED FROM SHOCK.

"BUT AS SOON AS KRISHNA REACHED DOWN THE MOUTH OF THE DEMON, THE CREATURE FELT AN UNBEARABLE HEAT INSIDE HIS THROAT...

"... AND QUICKLY SPEWED OUT HIS VICTIM.


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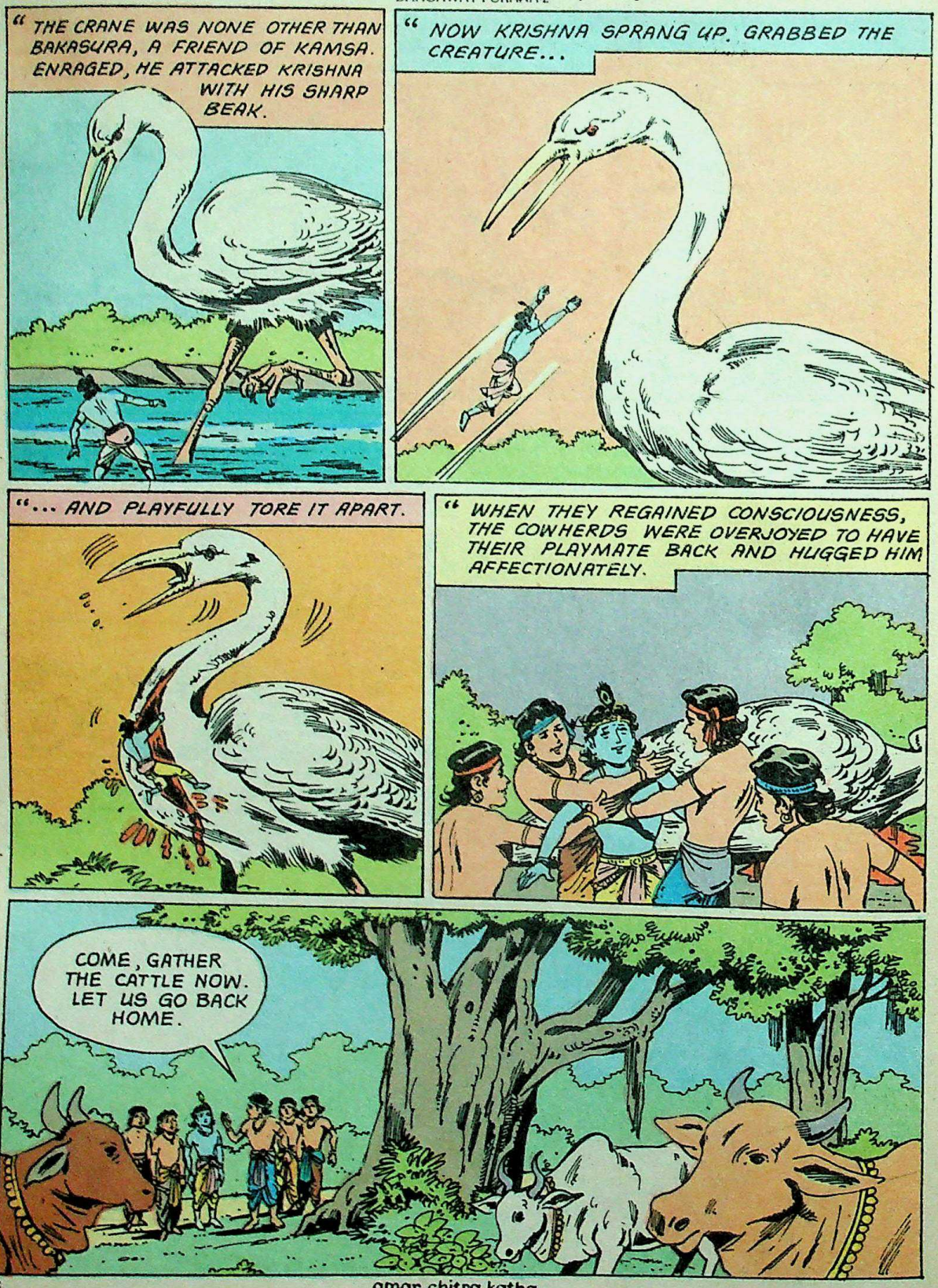



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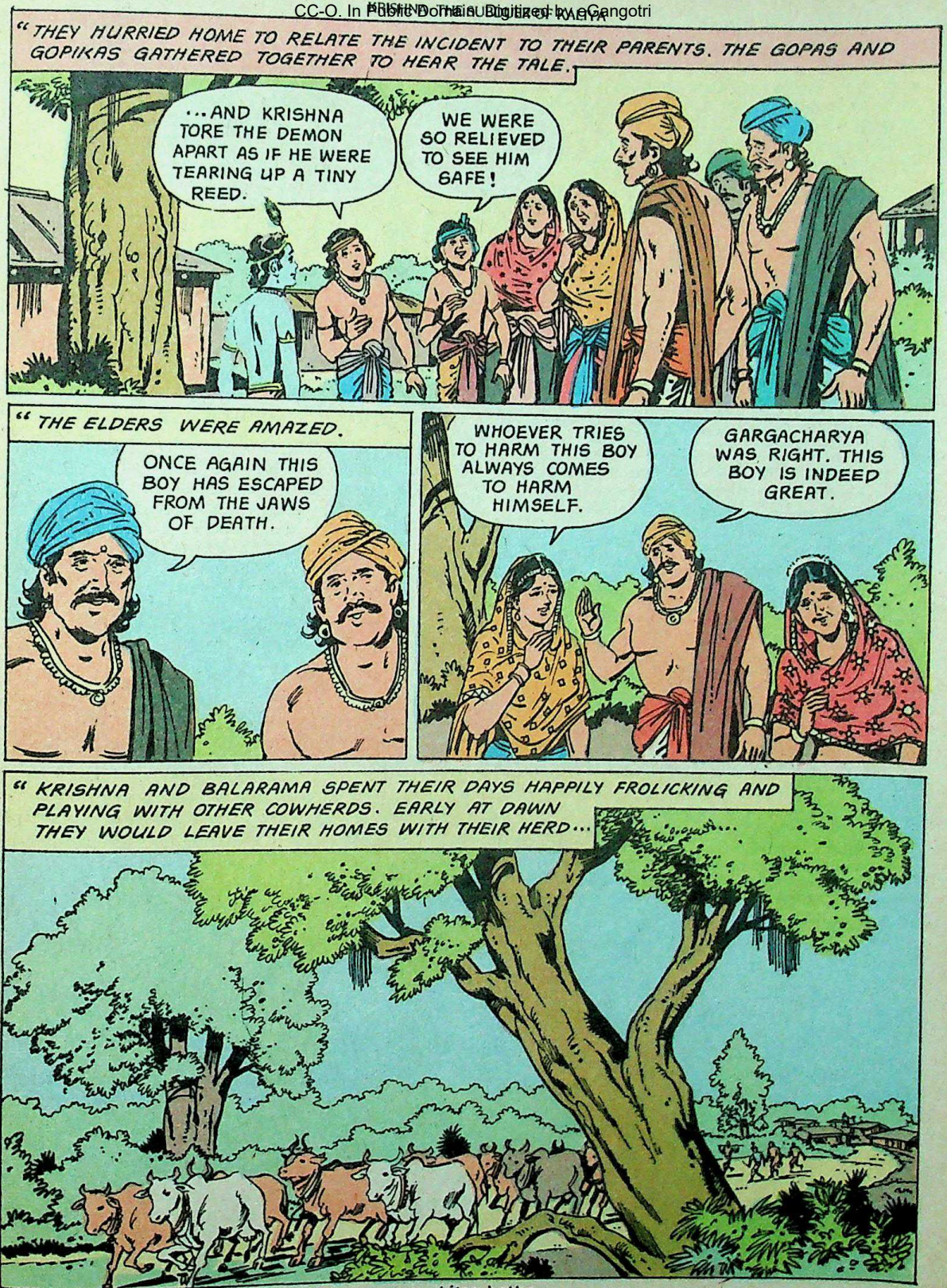



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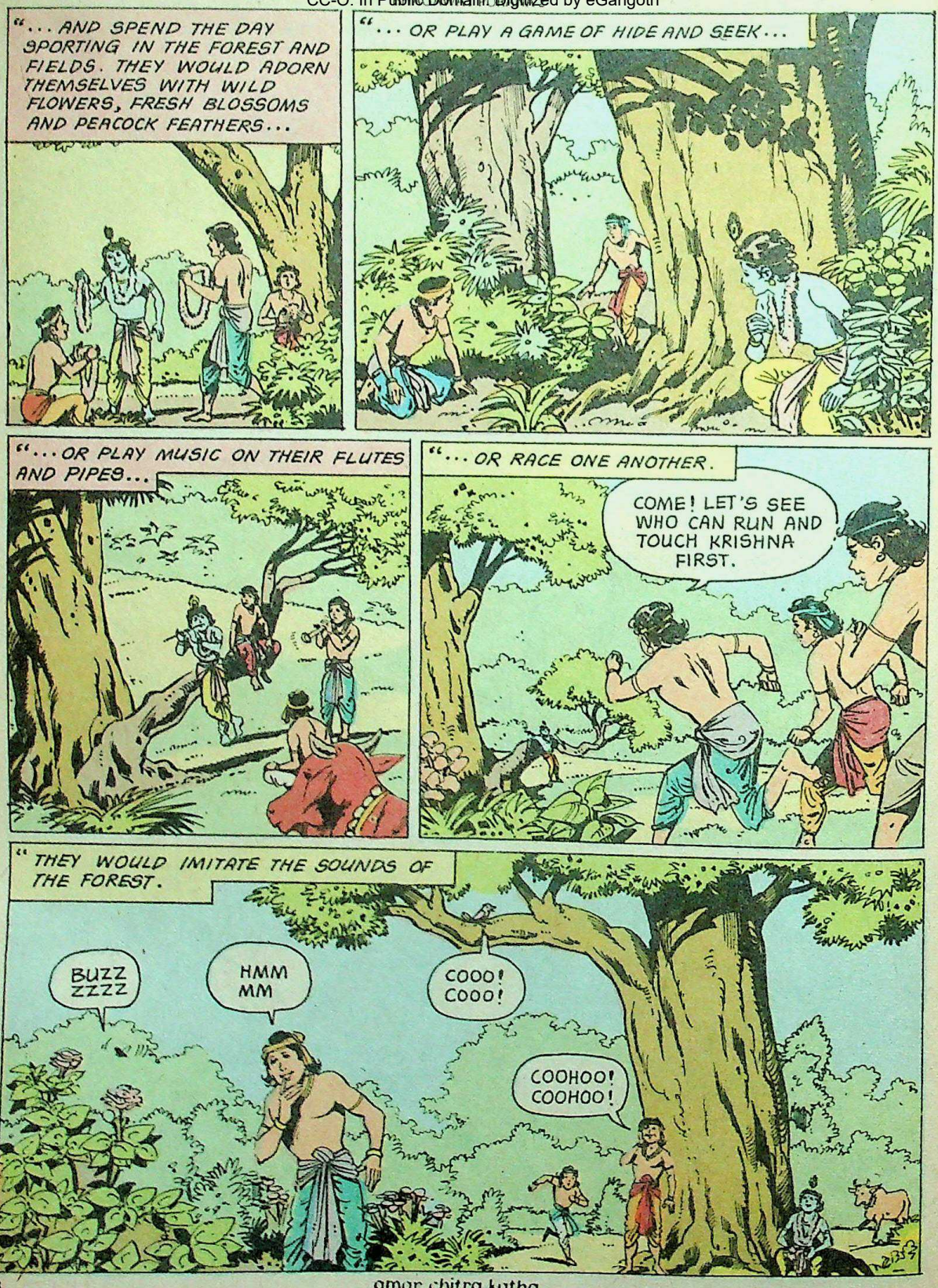



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"...OR IMITATE THE BIRDS' WALK AND DANCE.

SEE! I AM AS GRACEFUL AS A SWAN.

I AM A PEACOCK. SEE MY DANCE.

"WITH THE MONKEYS OF THE JUNGLE, THEY WOULD SCAMPER UP THE TREES AND LEAP FROM ONE BRANCH TO ANOTHER.

"ONE DAY, WHEN THE COWHERDS WERE PLAYING THEIR SIMPLE GAMES, AGHASURA, A DREADFUL DEMON SAW THEM.

HOW HAPPILY THEY ARE PLAYING HERE, AS IF THEY ARE JUST INNOCENT CHILDREN.

BUT AMONG THEM IS THAT BOY KRISHNA WHO KILLED MY SISTER POOTANA AND MY BROTHER BAKASURA.

TODAY I WILL KILL HIM AND ALL HIS FRIENDS.

"AGHASURA, WHO WAS STRONG ENOUGH TO TERRIFY EVEN THE DEVAS, ASSUMED THE FORM OF AN ENORMOUS SERPENT.

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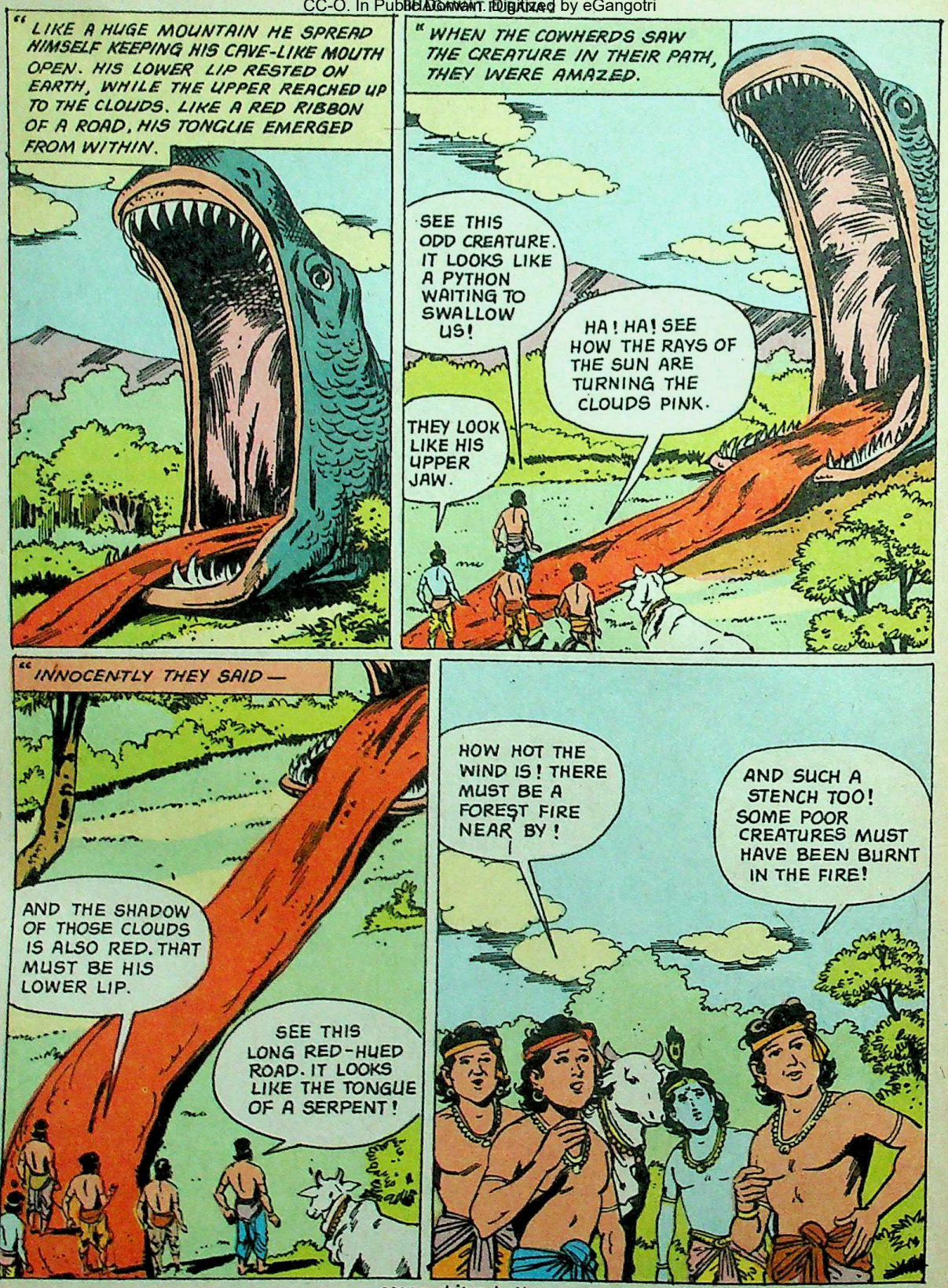



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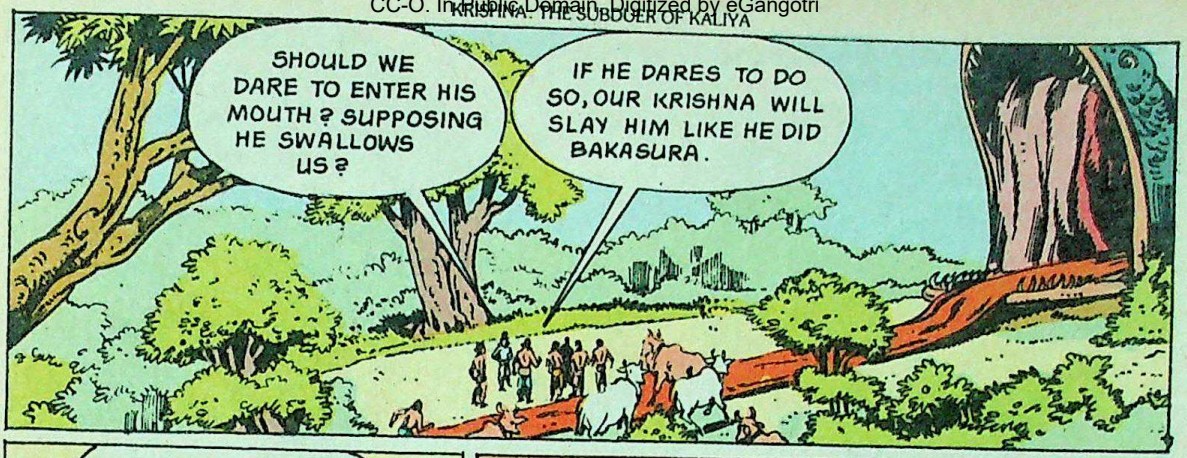

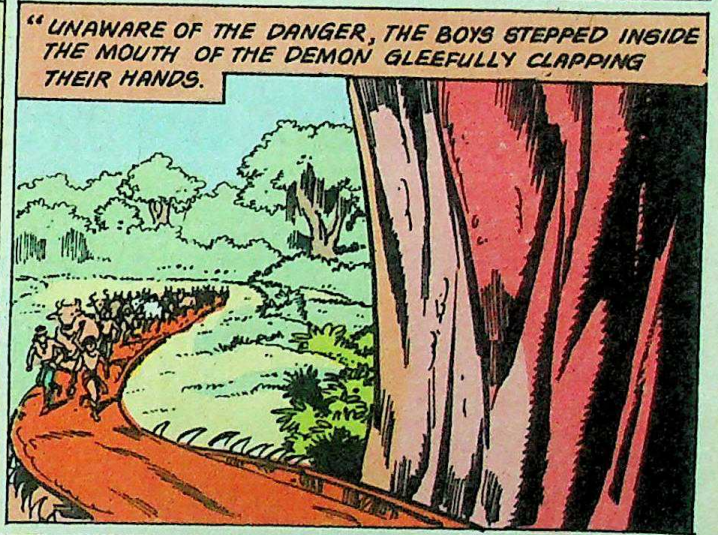


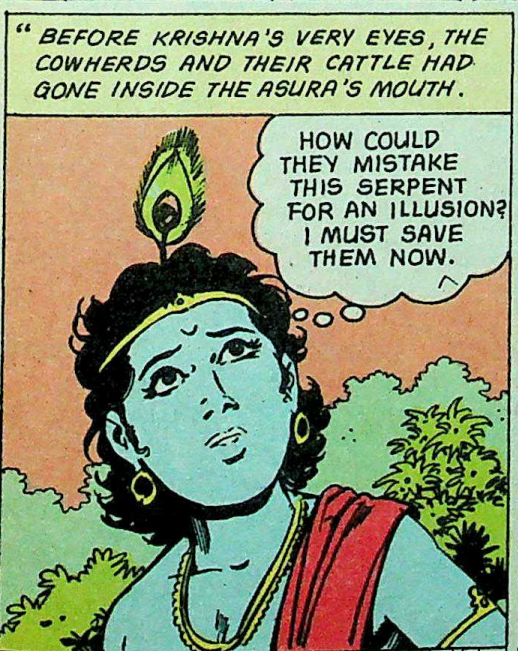


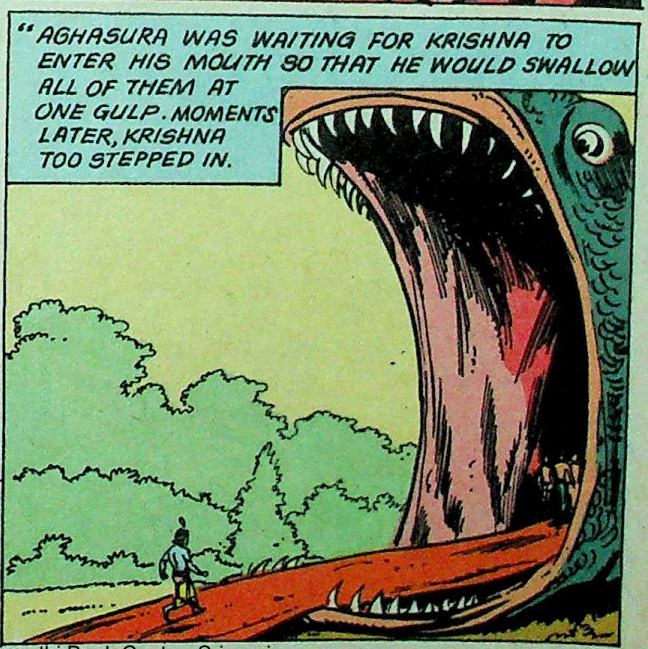



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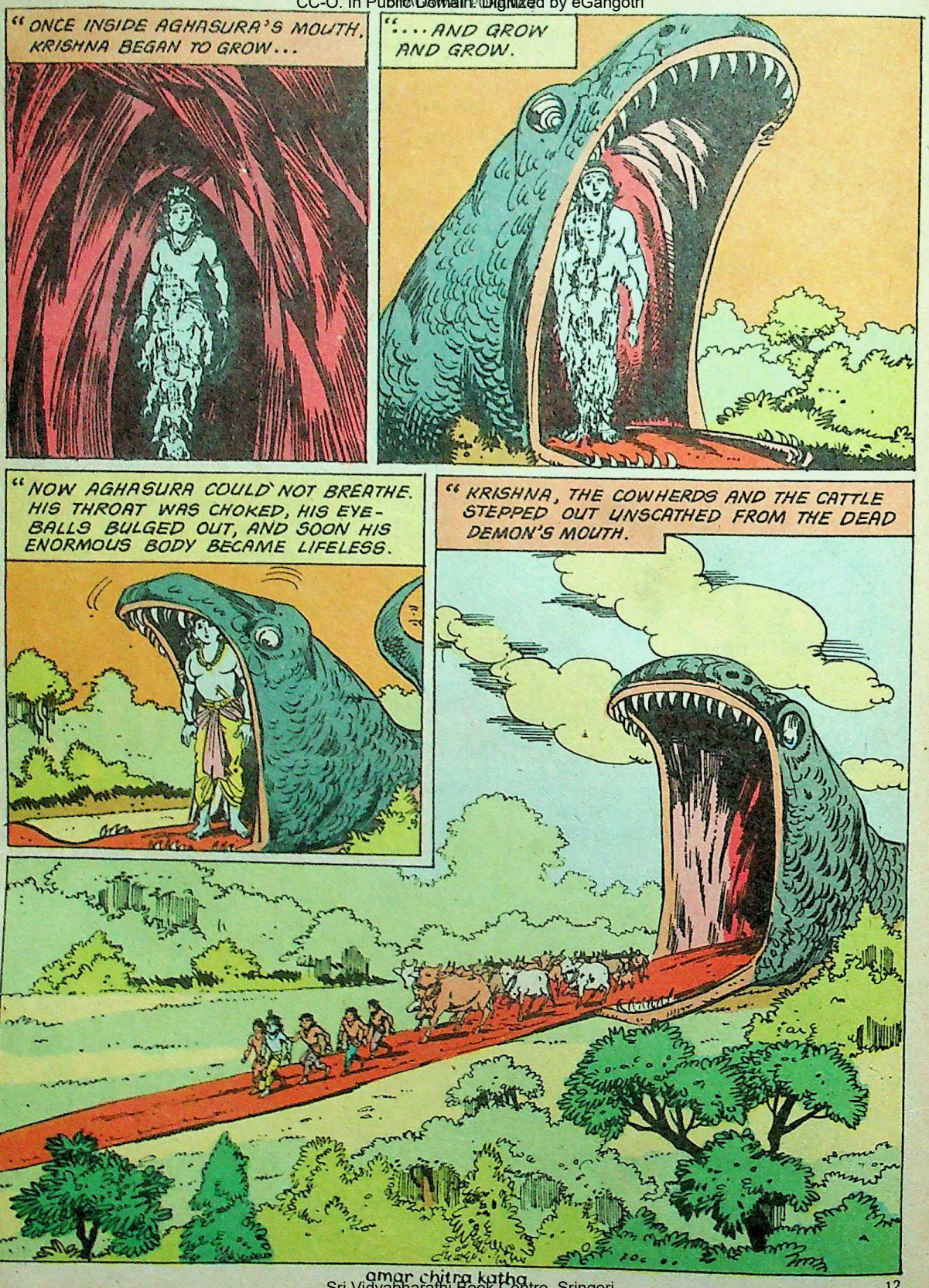



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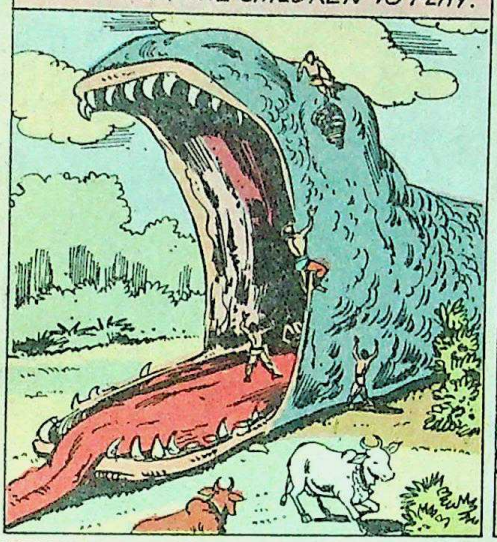
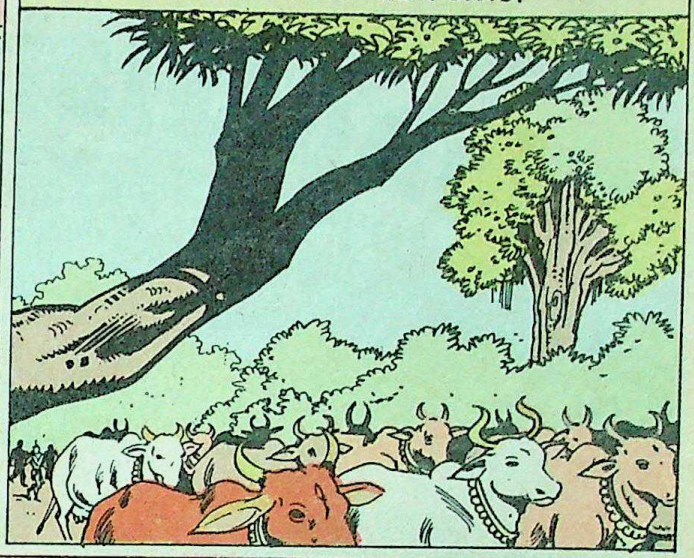
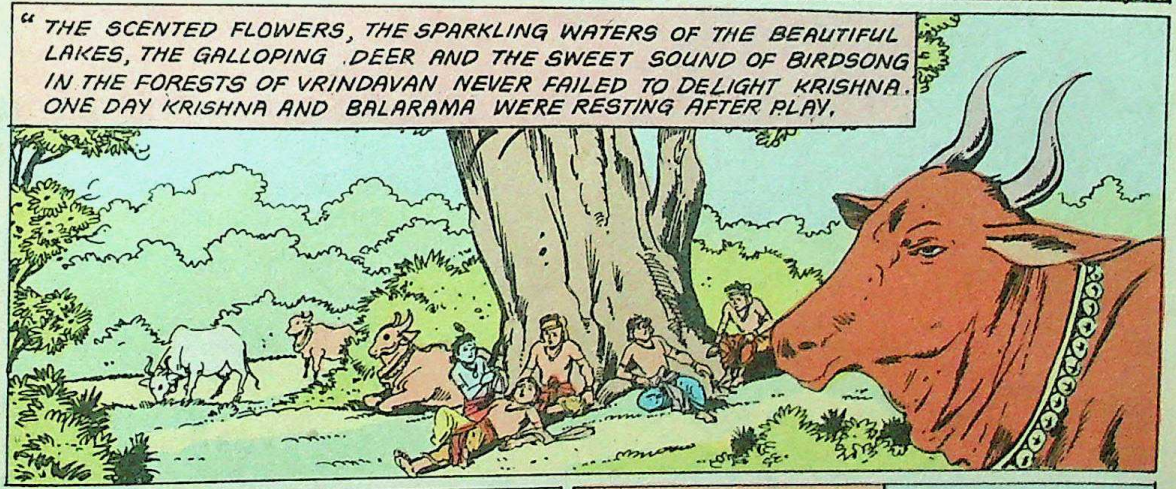
"AFTER SOME TIME, THE SKIN OF AGHASURA BECAME STIFF AND DRY AND IT BECAME A FAVOURITE PLACE FOR THE CHILDREN TO PLAY.



"WHEN KRISHNA AND BALARAMA WERE SIX, THEY WERE ALLOWED TO GO FURTHER FROM HOME, INTO THE DEEP FOREST WITH THEIR COWS.

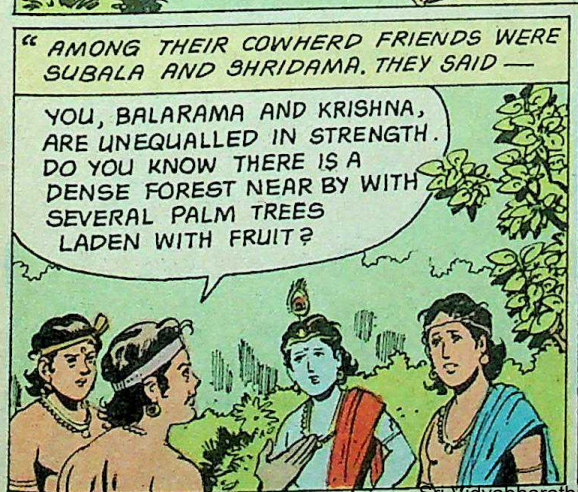


"THE SCENTED FLOWERS, THE SPARKLING WATERS OF THE BEAUTIFUL LAKES, THE GALLOPING DEER AND THE SWEET SOUND OF BIRDSONG IN THE FORESTS OF VRINDAVAN NEVER FAILED TO DELIGHT KRISHNA. ONE DAY KRISHNA AND BALARAMA WERE RESTING AFTER PLAY.



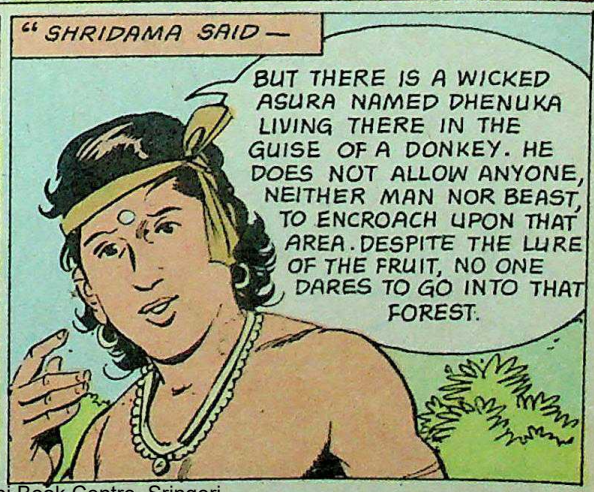
"AMONG THEIR COWHERD FRIENDS WERE SUBALA AND SHRIDAMA. THEY SAID —

YOU, BALARAMA AND KRISHNA, ARE UNEQUALLED IN STRENGTH. DO YOU KNOW THERE IS A DENSE FOREST NEAR BY WITH SEVERAL PALM TREES LADEN WITH FRUIT?



"SHRIDAMA SAID —

BUT THERE IS A WICKED ASURA NAMED DHENUKA LIVING THERE IN THE GUISE OF A DONKEY. HE DOES NOT ALLOW ANYONE, NEITHER MAN NOR BEAST, TO ENCROACH UPON THAT AREA. DESPITE THE LURE OF THE FRUIT, NO ONE DARES TO GO INTO THAT FOREST.

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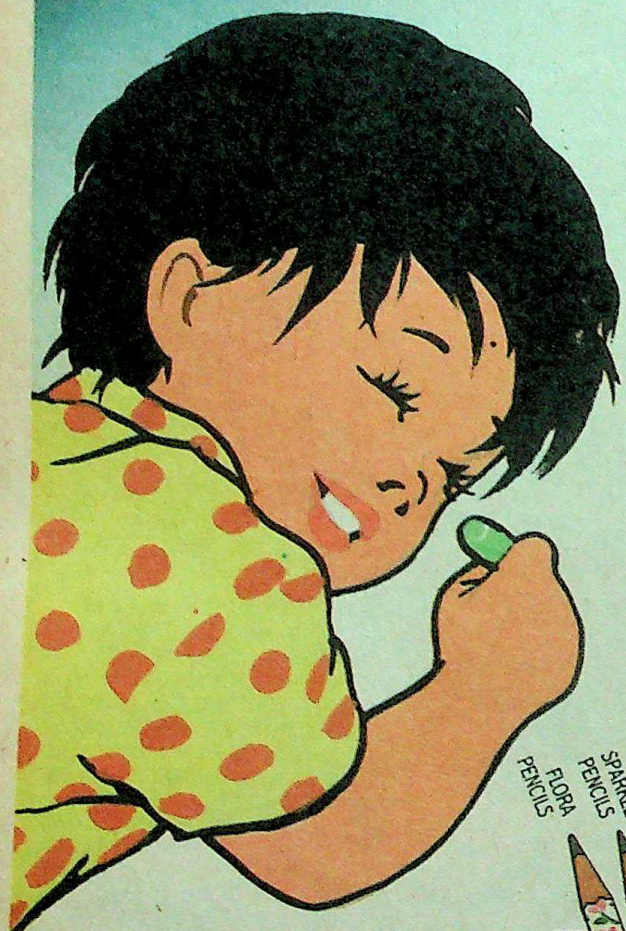

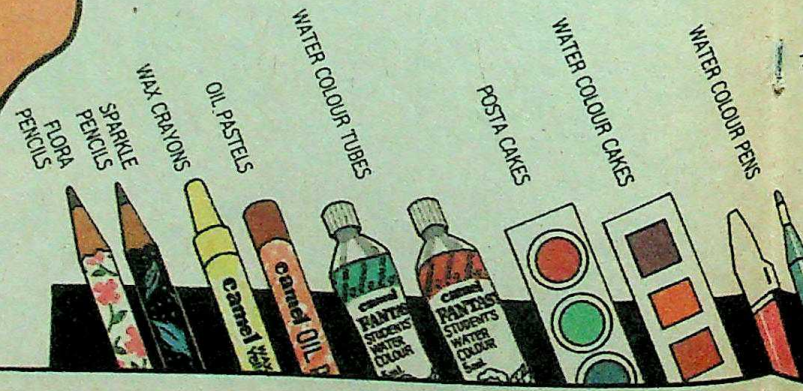



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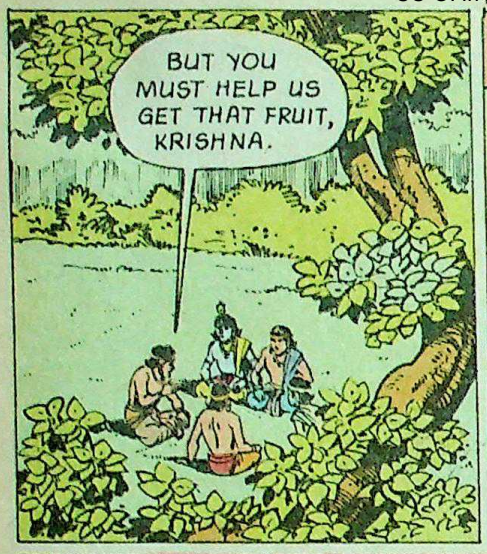


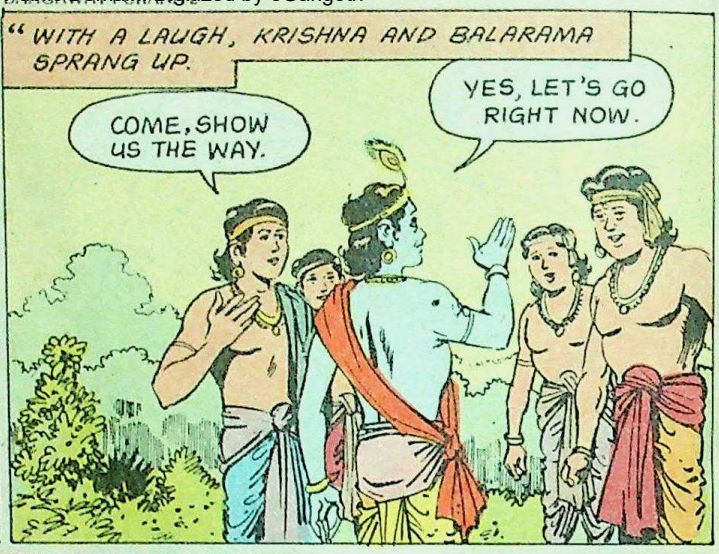


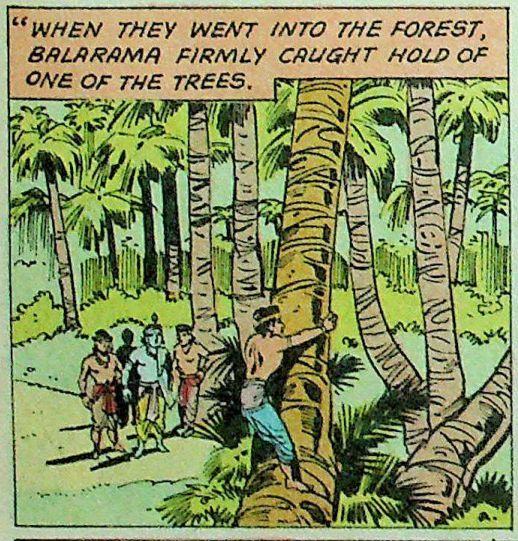

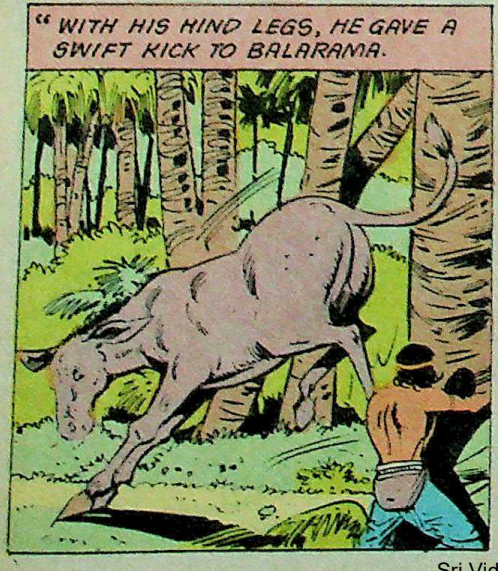

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"... AND TWIRLED HIM ROUND SO FAST THAT THE ASURA DIED.

"BALARAMA THEN FLUNG DHENUKASURA UP AND HE FELL ON THE TOP OF A PALM TREE.

"WITH A LOUD NOISE, THE TREE CRASHED TO THE GROUND, FELLING A NUMBER OF OTHER TREES TOO.

"KRISHNA AND BALARAMA RETURNED HOME HAPPY. FROM THAT DAY ON, PEOPLE OF VRINDAVAN VENTURED FEARLESSLY INTO THE FOREST TO EAT THE PALM FRUIT AND GRAZE THEIR CATTLE.

"BALARAMA AND KRISHNA WERE USUALLY INSEPARABLE. ONE DAY, HOWEVER, KRISHNA WENT WITH HIS OTHER FRIENDS TO THE BANKS OF THE YAMUNA, LEAVING BALARAMA BEHIND.

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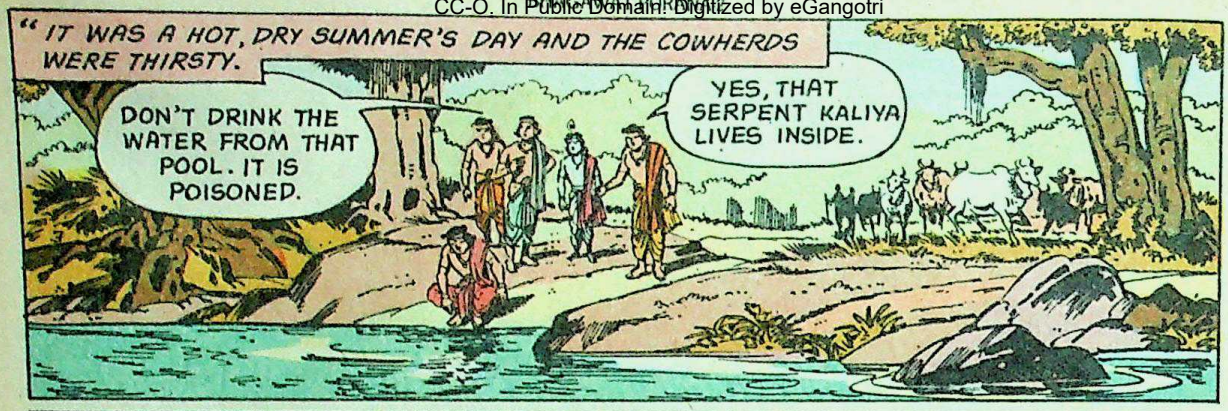

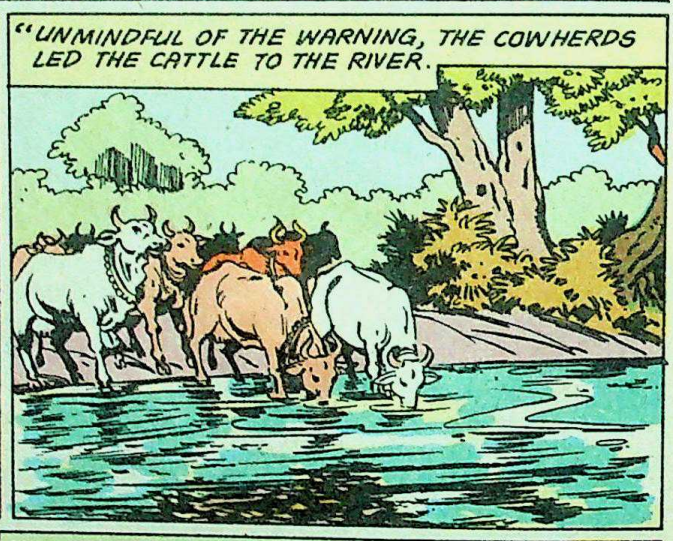


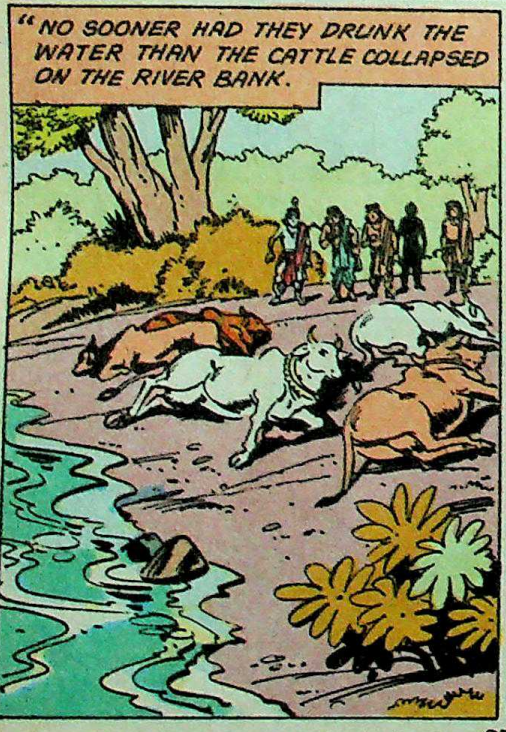


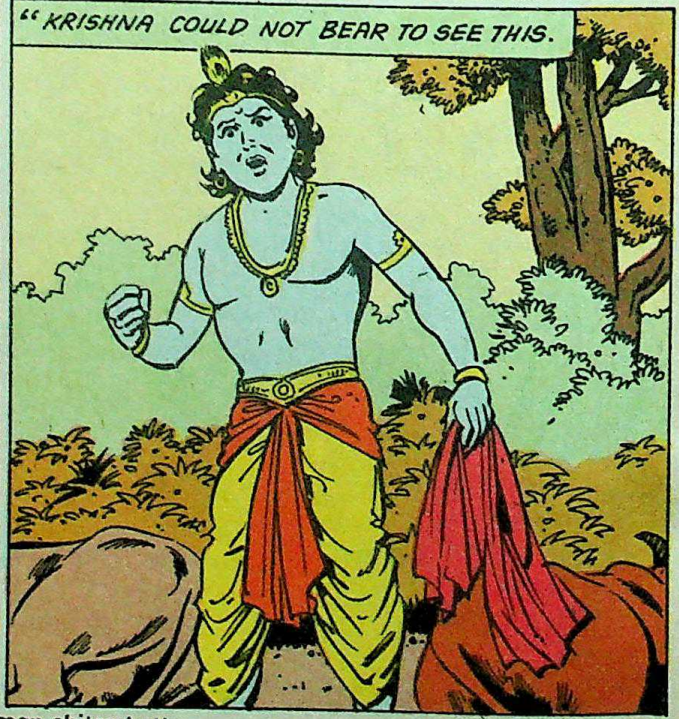



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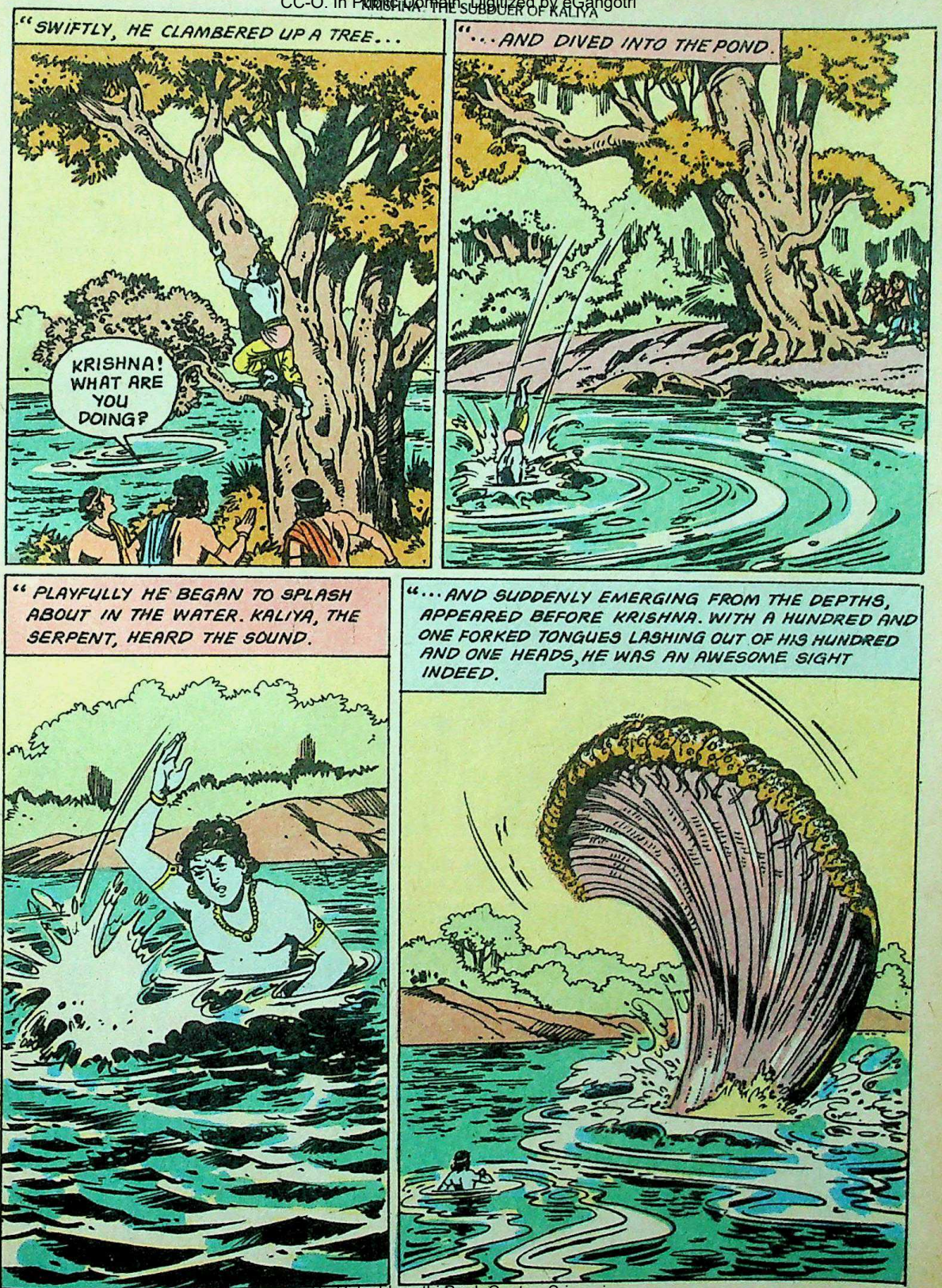



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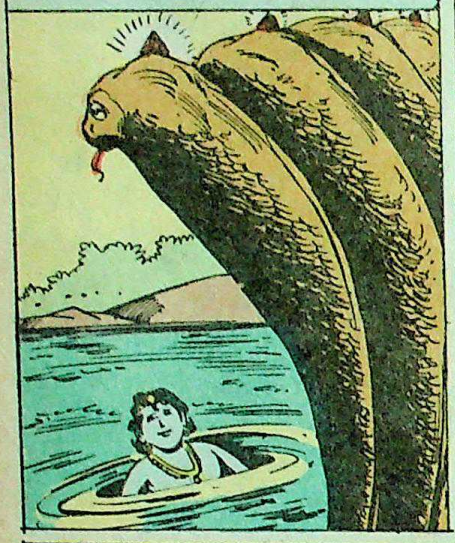

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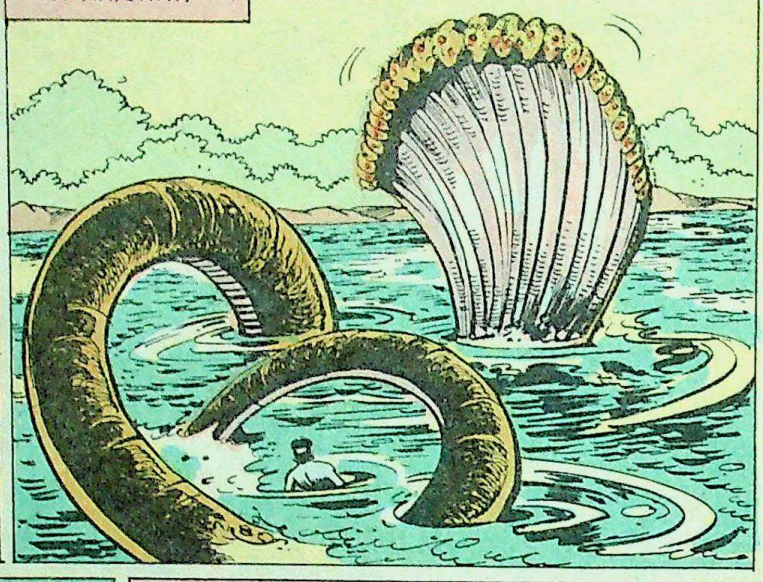
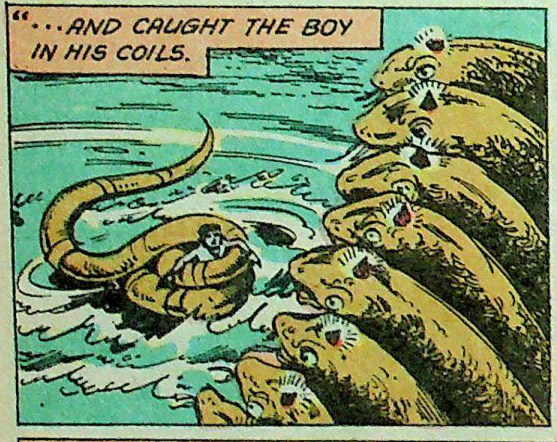
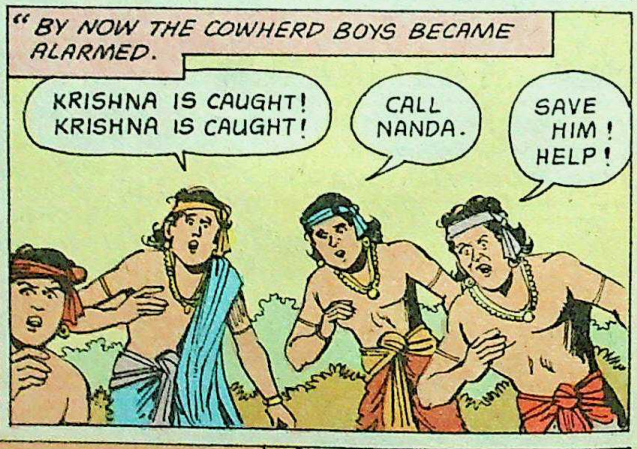


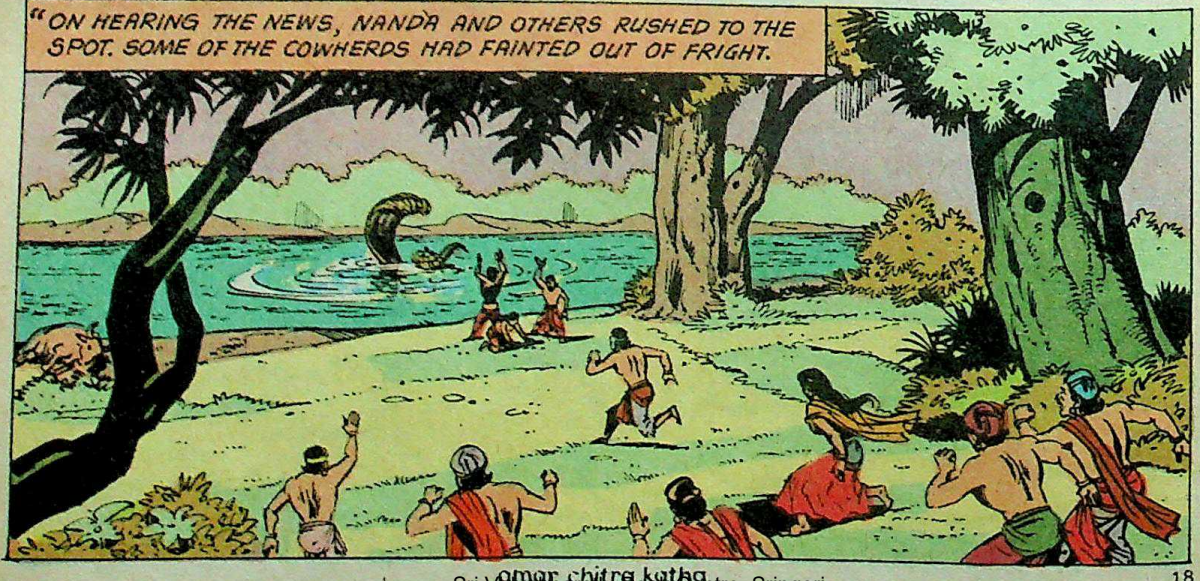
"...AND CAUGHT THE BOY IN HIS COILS.



"BY NOW THE COWHERD BOYS BECAME ALARMED.




"ON HEARING THE NEWS, NANDA AND OTHERS RUSHED TO THE SPOT. SOME OF THE COWHERDS HAD FAINTED OUT OF FRIGHT.

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"YASHODA WAS ABOUT TO JUMP INTO THE RIVER, BUT THE GOPIKAS HELD HER BACK FORCIBLY.

OH MY SON!

"THEY TRIED TO CONSOLE HER.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT KRISHNA.

REMEMBER HOW BRAVELY KRISHNA FACED THE WICKED POOTANA?

"BALARAMA COAXED NANDA AGAINST THE IDEA OF TRYING TO RESCUE KRISHNA.

"BOUND AS HE WAS IN THE SERPENT'S COILS, KRISHNA NOW MADE HIS BODY SWELL. HE GREW BIGGER...

"... AND BIGGER...

"... TILL HE GOT FREE FROM KALIYA'S HOLD. KALIYA BROKE AWAY, BUT RAISED HIS HOODS OMINOUSLY OVER KRISHNA.


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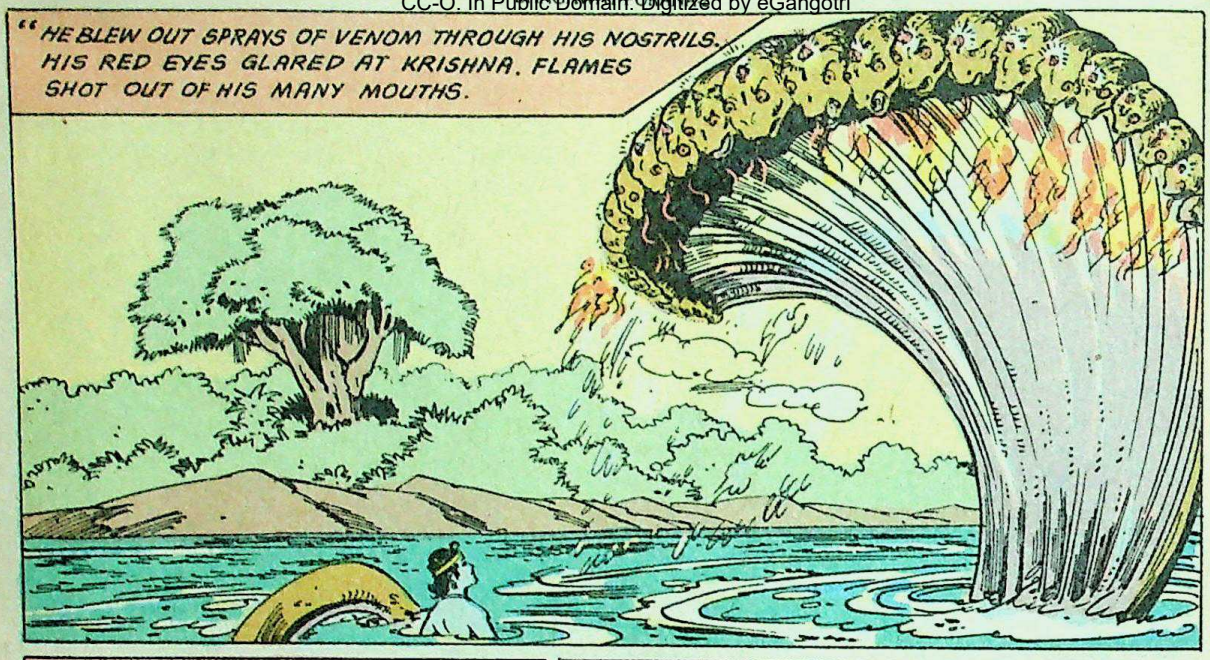
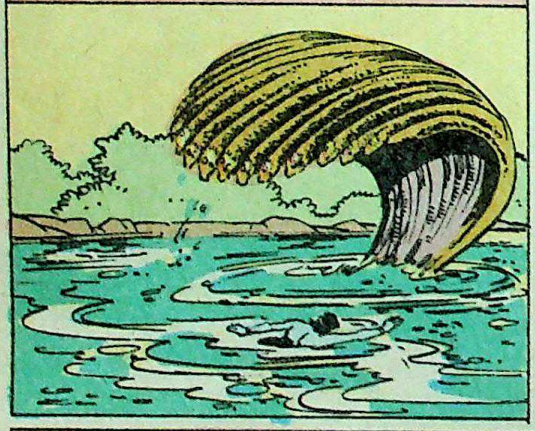
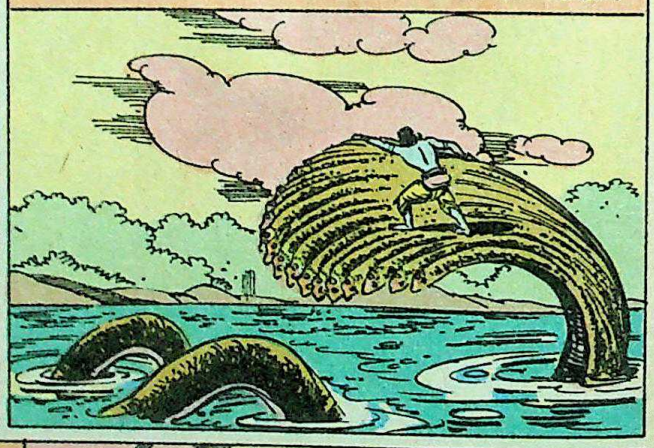
"HE BLEW OUT SPRAYS OF VENOM THROUGH HIS NOSTRILS. HIS RED EYES GLARED AT KRISHNA. FLAMES SHOT OUT OF HIS MANY MOUTHS.



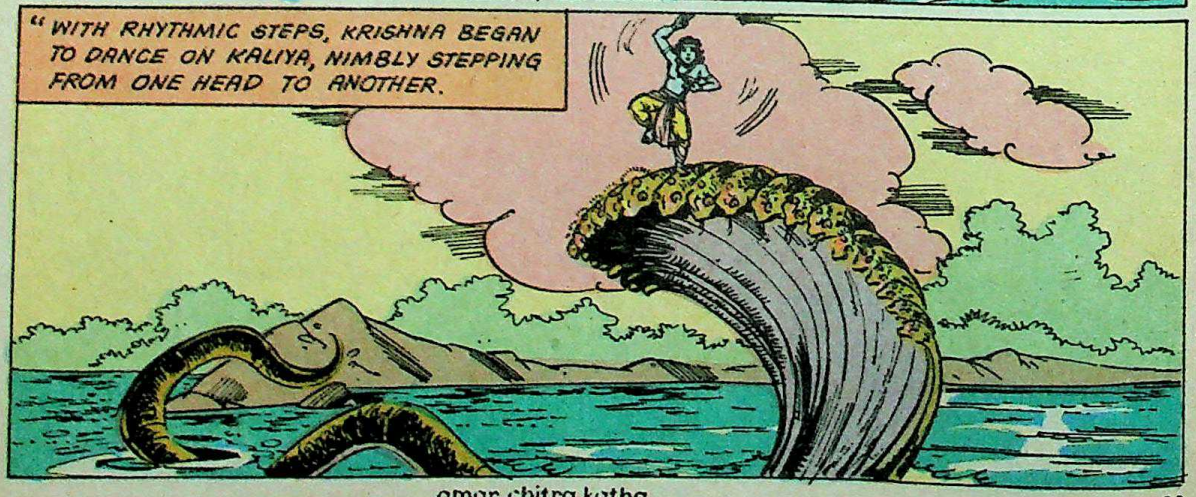
"KRISHNA PLAYFULLY DODGED EVERY ATTACK OF THE SERPENT.



"WHEN KALIYA SEEMED TO HAVE TIRED A LITTLE, IN ONE SWIFT LEAP KRISHNA WAS ON HIS HOOD.



"WITH RHYTHMIC STEPS, KRISHNA BEGAN TO DANCE ON KALIYA, NIMBLY STEPPING FROM ONE HEAD TO ANOTHER.

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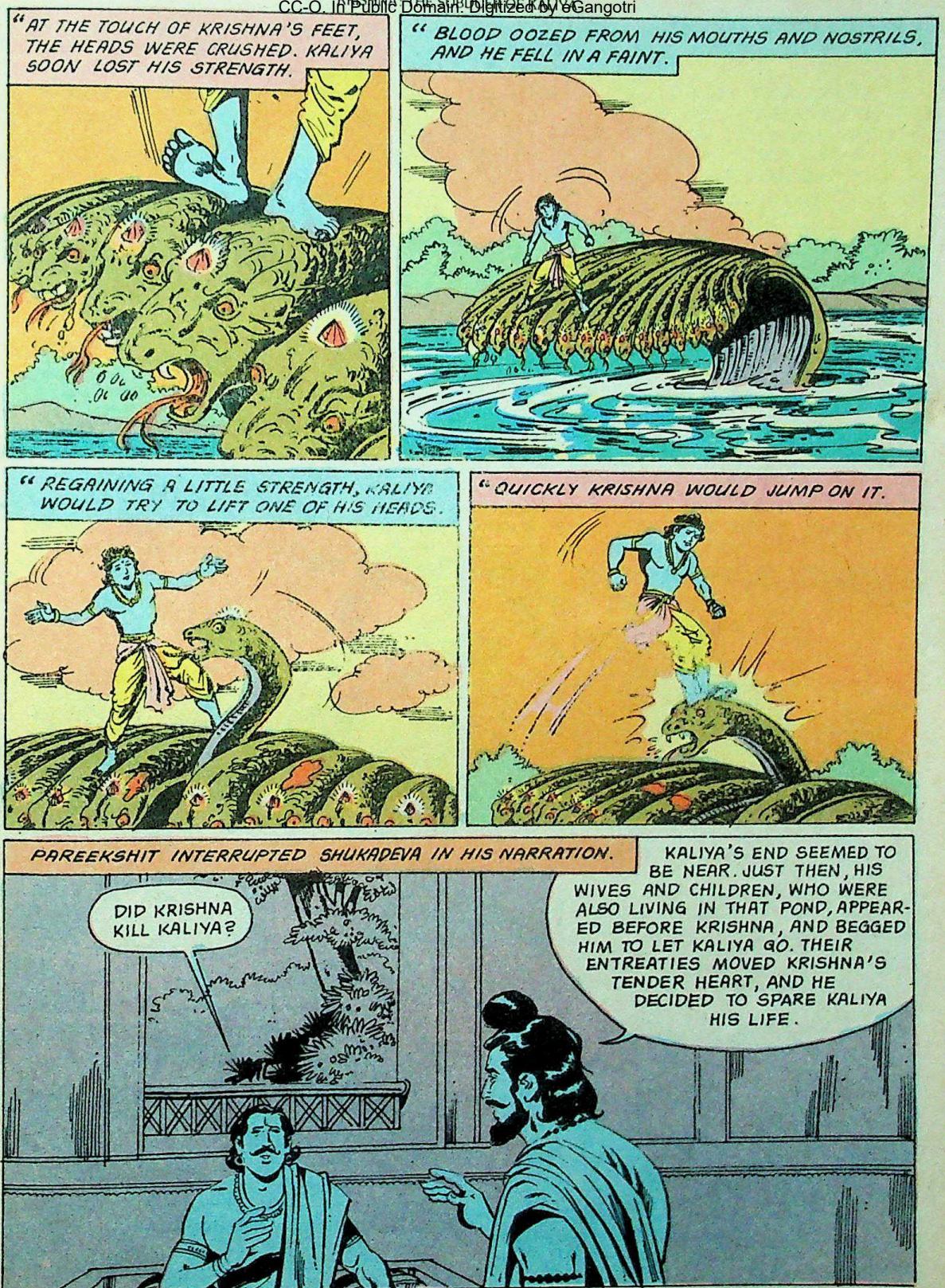



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"ADDRESSING KALIYA, KRISHNA SAID—

YOU MUST NOT STAY ANY LONGER IN THIS POOL. TAKE AWAY ALL YOUR KIN AND DEPART FOR THE HIGH SEAS.

"AS COMMANDED BY KRISHNA, KALIYA LEFT THE POOL AND WENT AWAY. THE WATER OF THE POOL BECAME MIRACULOUSLY PURE AND CLEAR.

"PEACE AND TRANQUILLITY RETURNED TO VRINDAVAN. EVEN IN THE HOT SUMMER DAYS, THE WEATHER REMAINED PLEASANT THERE, SURROUNDED AS THE PLACE WAS WITH DENSE FORESTS AND SPARKLING STREAMS. KRISHNA, BALARAMA AND THEIR FRIENDS REVELLED IN THE BEAUTIFUL SURROUNDINGS, WRESTLING IN THE LUSH GRASS, DANCING AND PLAYING HIDE AND SEEK.


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"ONE DAY WHEN KRISHNA AND BALARAMA WERE TAKING THEIR CATTLE TO GRAZE BY THE RIVER-SIDE, PRALAMBA, THE ASURA, CAME THERE IN THE GUISE OF A COWHERD.

"KRISHNA HOWEVER WAS NOT FOOLED.

THERE IS SOMETHING ODD ABOUT THIS NEW BOY! I WILL HAVE TO TRICK HIM AND FIND OUT.

"HE CALLED ALL THE BOYS.

COME! WE WILL PLAY A NEW GAME TODAY.

WE WILL SPLIT INTO TWO TEAMS. WHO WILL BE THE LEADERS?

YOU AND BALARAMA, OF COURSE.

"KRISHNA AND BALARAMA CHOSE THEIR TEAMS AND PLAYED SEVERAL GAMES.

WE WON! OUR TEAM HAS WON THIS GAME. NOW FOR THE NEXT GAME, YOUR TEAM MUST CARRY OUR BOYS ON THEIR BACKS UP TO THAT TREE THERE.

"THE COWHERDS WERE THRILLED WITH THE NEW GAME. THE WINNER WOULD GLEEFULLY CLAMBER ONTO THE BACK OF THE LOSER.


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"IN THE NEXT ROUND, PRALAMBA THE ASURA CARRIED BALARAMA.

KRISHNA IS TOO STRONG FOR ME. I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DEFEAT HIM. LET ME TAKE THIS CHANCE AND CARRY BALARAMA AT LEAST.

"SO PRALAMBA HURRIED TO THE TARGET TREE. BUT INSTEAD OF STOPPING THERE, HE RAN FURTHER...

"... AND FURTHER. BUT SOON HE FELT FATIGUED WITH THE WEIGHT OF BALARAMA.

OHH! THIS LITTLE BOY IS TOO HEAVY. I.C-A-N-T CARRY HIM FURTHER.

"WHEN HE PAUSED FOR BREATH, PANTING AND SWEATING, HE ASSUMED HIS ASURA FORM.

"THE FAIR FORM OF BALARAMA SHONE RADIANTLY ATOP THE DARK BODY OF PRALAMBA, LIKE THE RESPLENDENT MOON IN A DARK CLOUD.


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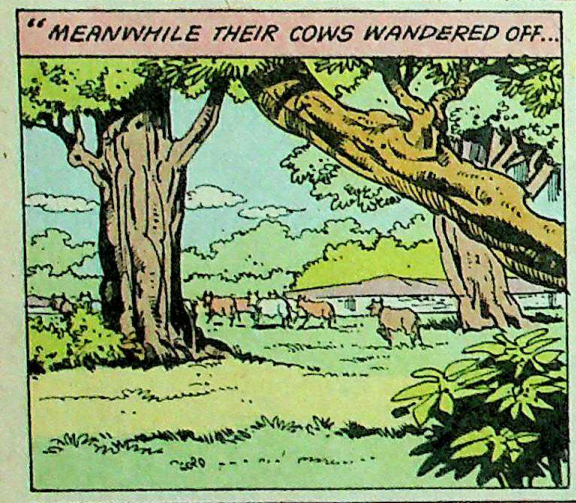

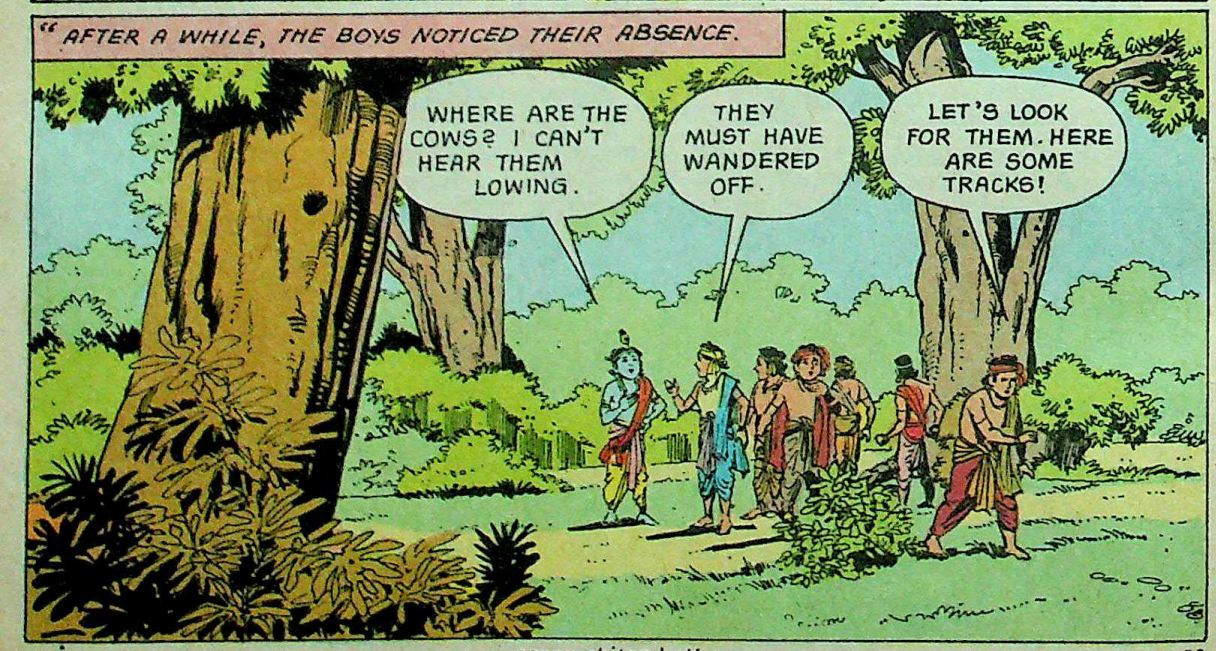

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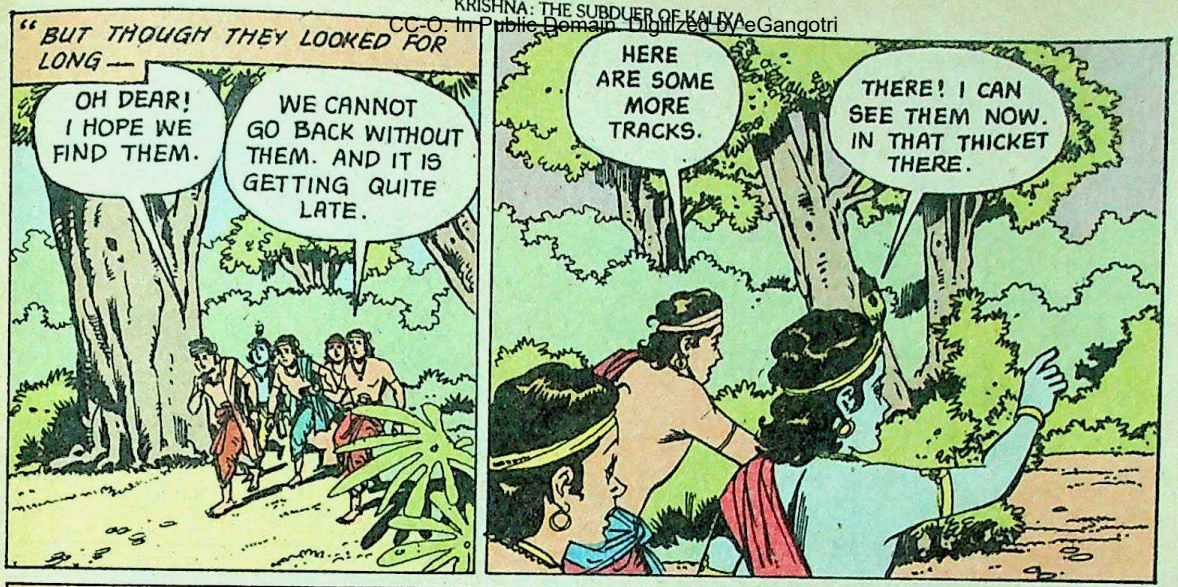


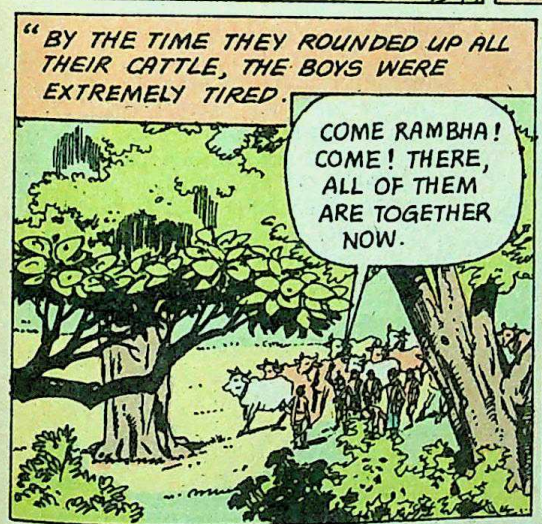


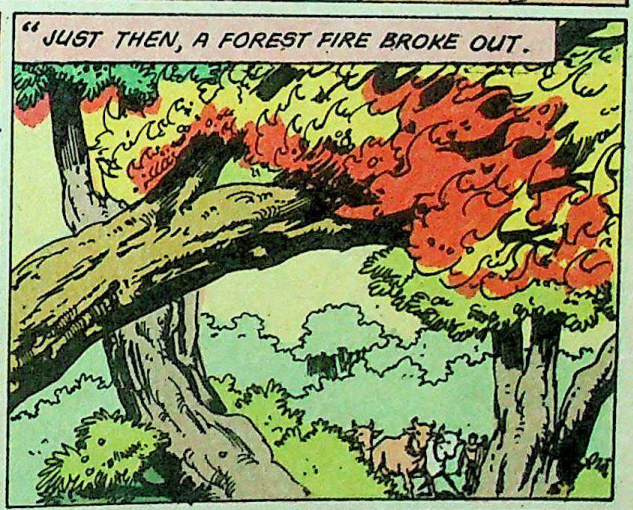


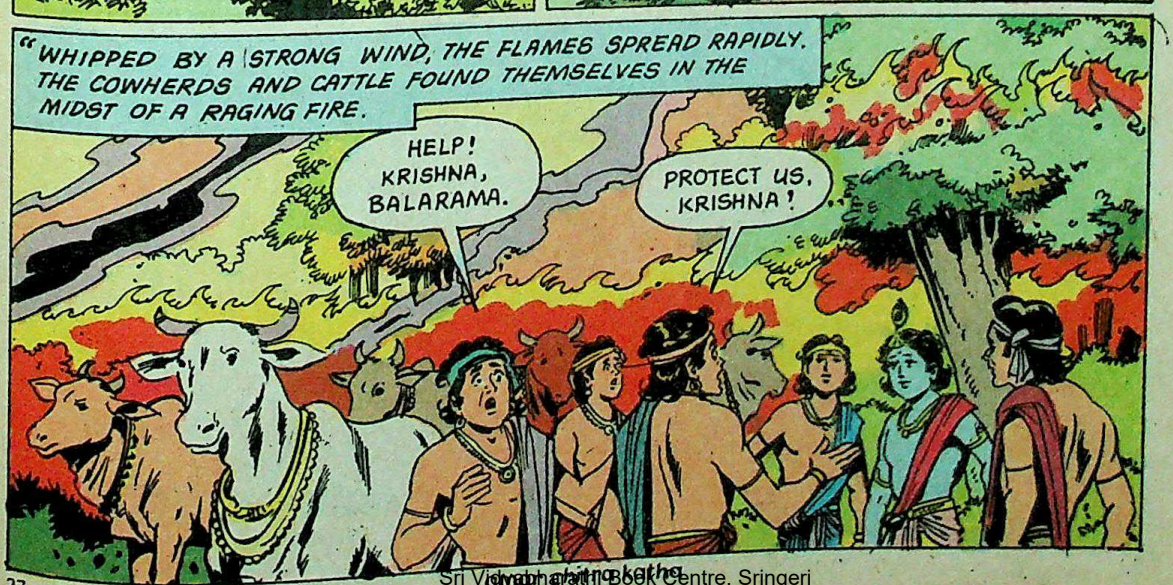



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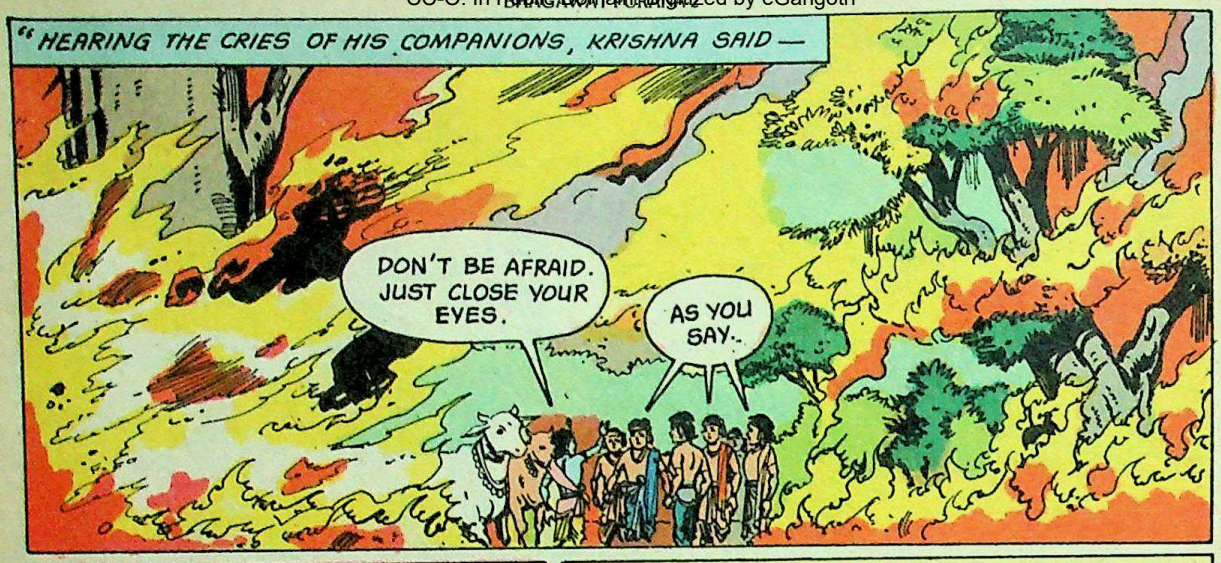

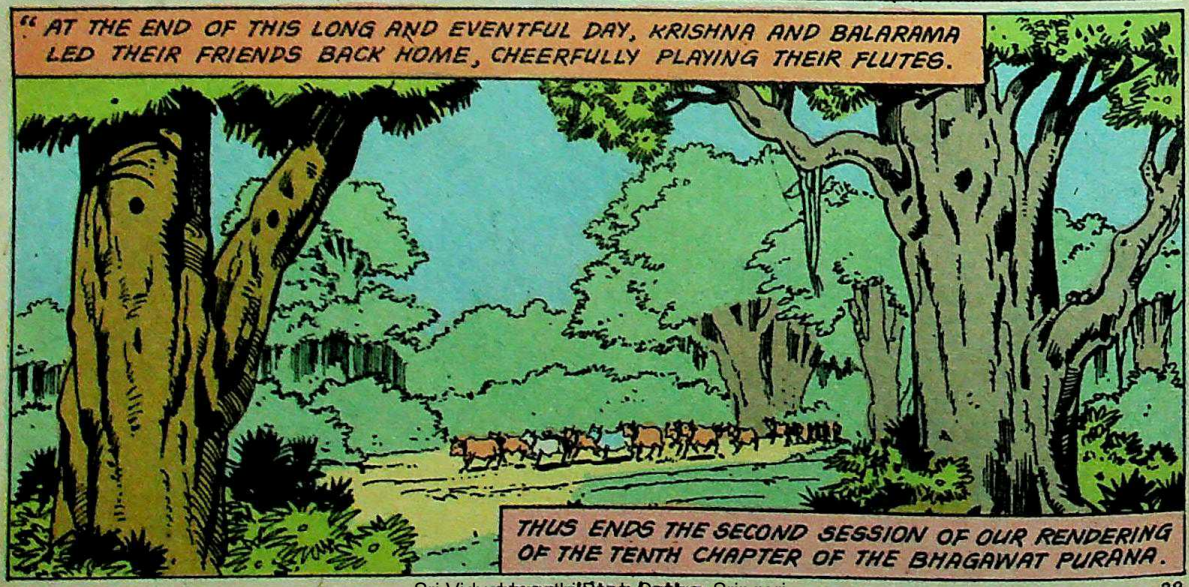

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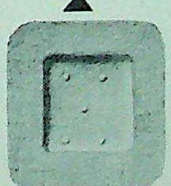

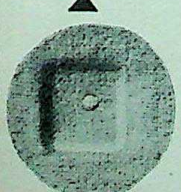

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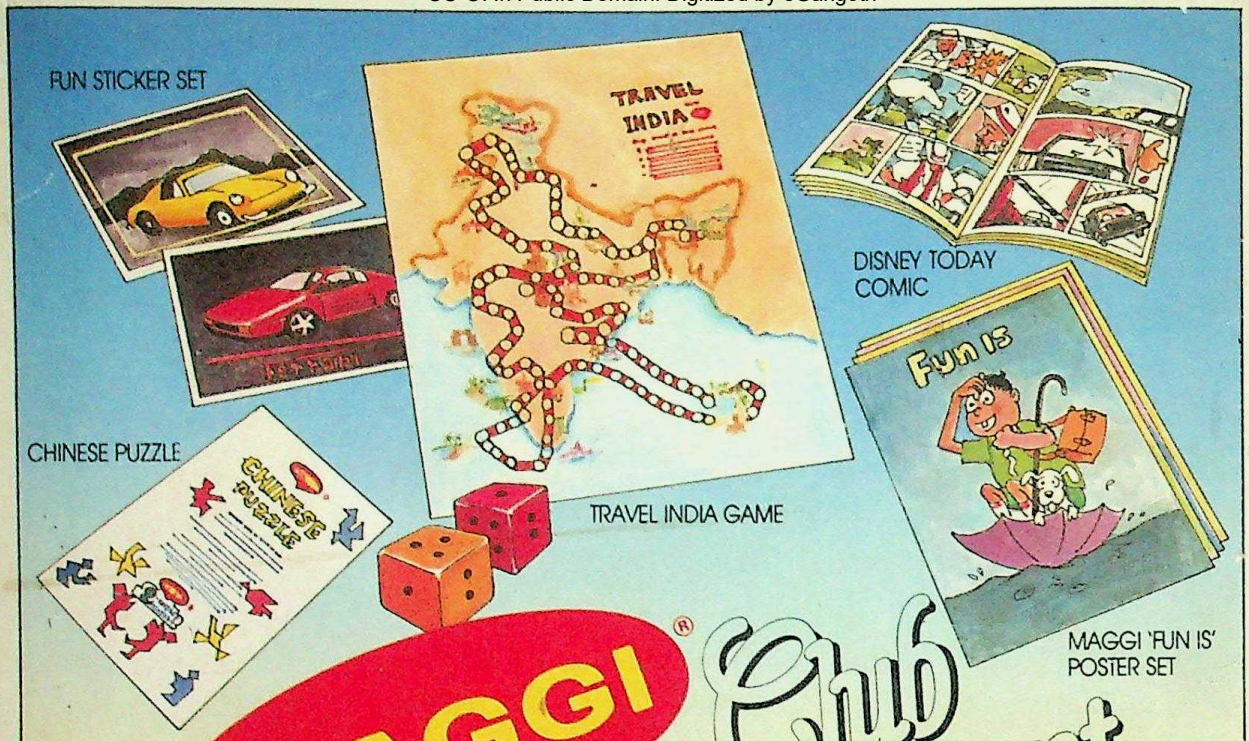


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